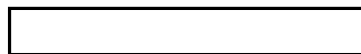
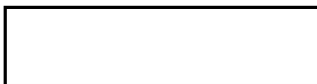


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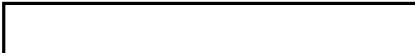
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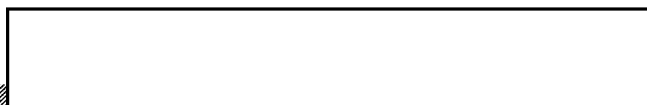
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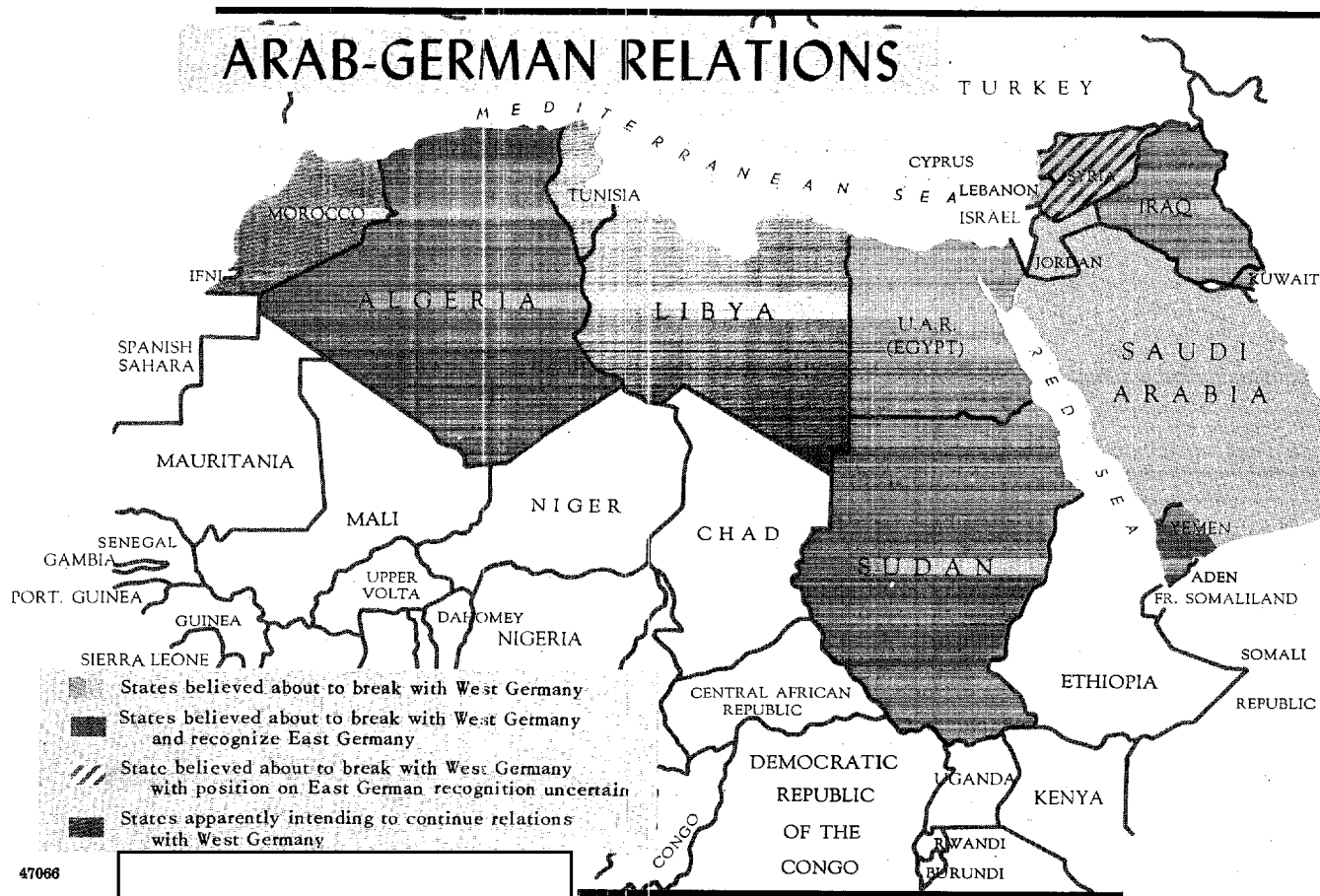
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Arab States - West Germany: Nasir's pressure on the Arab states to sever relations with West Germany is meeting with considerable success.

In addition to Egypt, nine Arab states have agreed to break relations with West Germany, and five seem ready to recognize East Germany. Of the 13 Arab League members, only Morocco, Tunisia, and Libya have not agreed to break with Bonn. Syria has not yet decided to establish relations with East Germany, but is likely to fall in line with Cairo.

It is not yet clear whether there will be a general economic break with West Germany. The states which apparently are about to break diplomatic relations with Bonn have agreed to sever economic relations if West Germany takes a "hostile" stand toward any Arab state. If Bonn pays "damages" to Israel in lieu of completing [] arms agreement or cuts off economic aid to one of the Arab states, this might well be considered a "hostile" act. []

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Burma: General Ne Win's socialist regime may be running into a new crisis with the Burmese Buddhist establishment.

A convention of Buddhist monks, called by the government last fall to tighten monastic discipline and curb antigovernment agitation, opened yesterday in Rangoon. Monks from the Mandalay area, the center of Buddhist opposition to the regime, are boycotting the convention and have openly called for the overthrow of the secular-minded, "Communist" government.

For the past two months, Buddhist agitators have staged a series of increasingly violent incidents, evidently hoping to provoke the government into repressive measures. Last week, the monks burned a local government party headquarters in the Mandalay region.

Ne Win has thus far shown restraint, and the regime still appears to have the over-all situation in hand. If Ne Win is pushed into suppressing the agitation with force, however, antigovernment feeling is likely to spread rapidly among the general population.

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Western Europe: [Italian Foreign Minister Fanfani has proposed an unpublicized meeting of EEC foreign ministers in May to discuss the procedural aspects of European political unification. He has preliminary indications that the French and Dutch do not object. De Gaulle and Erhard agreed at Rambouillet in January to try to relaunch unity talks this spring, but neither has been willing thus far to take a clear lead.]

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